Pharmacist charged in drug sale

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A pharmacist employed by the University of Chicago's Billings Hospital was arrested and charged with selling 1,500 milligrams of morphine to an undercover police investigator.

Raymond J. Bean, 39, of 647 W. Demming Pl., was charged with sale of a controlled substance and sale of hypodermic needles and syringes.

Police said Bean was arrested Monday at 31 W. Division after Martin Kehoe, an agent with the department's supersecret C-5 unit, gave him $1,000 for the purchase.

Under an arrangement, police said, Kehoe waited until Bean walked away from his car and then searched under the front seat for the narcotic. When Kehoe found 100 fifteen-milligram capsules, other police arrested Bean.

A spokesman for the university's Billings Hospital, where Bean worked for the last five years, said a check of the hospital's inventory of morphine would be made to determine if the capsules came from the hospital's supplies.